



The Rotary Club of Stafford

Stafford College Campus, Victoria Square, Stafford ST16 2QR

17th and 18th May 2019

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Sleep Out for?

The Sleep Out is not an exercise in what it is like to be homeless, it is a fundraising event to help raise awareness of homeless and raise money to prevent it happening in the first place.

Where exactly is the event taking place?

Stafford College, Victoria Square, Stafford ST16 2QR.

We ask you to come to the Sleep Out Reception Area at the Earl Street entrance to the College and sign in on arrival.

What is the closing date for Registration?

You must register by 10th May 2019 please.

Do I need to bring any identification with me?

Yes, photographic ID will be required at the Reception Area where you will be supplied with an identification badge for your safety and security.

What time should I arrive at the event?

Please arrive between 6pm and 8pm

How long will the event last?

It will start at 6pm and go on all through the night until 6am the next morning.

Are there any age restrictions?

You must be over 16. If you are between 16 and 18 our Parental Consent Form must have been completed, signed and supplied to us before the event.

Do I need to be fit?

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are healthy enough to sleep out overnight. If in doubt, we strongly advise that you take advice from your medical practitioner.

There will be qualified first aiders on site at all times.

Where will I be sleeping?

You will be sleeping on the ground in the College courtyard area on paved surfaces. On arrival we will give you a large cardboard box. This will be your shelter for the night.

What should I bring with me?

You will need:

- a sleeping bag and ground mat – cardboard will be supplied so that you can make a shelter for the night.
- suitable clothing to survive a night outdoors - we would advise a warm coat, layers of clothing, thick socks and a hat.
- a torch.
- medication – please bring all medication that you may need during the night.

Can I bring my own food and drink to the event?

Yes, you are welcome to bring your own snacks, water and other drinks, in flasks if the drinks are hot. Please remember though that alcohol is not allowed.

What food and drink will be available?

There will be free hot drinks during the early part of the Sleep Out and free tea and toast as the Sleep Out comes to an end.

Can I bring alcohol to the event and what about drugs?

No, this is an alcohol-free event. Anyone found with or under the influence of alcohol or having alcohol with them will be asked to leave the event.

The same rules apply to drugs unless medically prescribed for a current medical condition.

What about smoking?

Smoking is not allowed in the College grounds.

And entertainment?

All music, other entertainment and loud noise must stop by 9pm out of respect for those of you who have managed to get to sleep and local residents.

Are heaters or fires permitted?

No

Should I bring money to the event?

You may need a small amount of cash to buy snacks but be sure that it is kept safe at all times.

Can I bring pets to the event?

No, except for guide dogs.

Will there be a place to leave my belongings?

No, we strongly advice you not to bring valuables to the event.

How do I get there?

The event is close to the centre of Stafford. The train station and various bus stops are five minute walk away on Station Road and there are nearby public car parks which are mostly free after 6pm though please check this at the time.

There is very limited parking on site. This will be reserved for disabled people.

What facilities will there be on site?

Toilets are available all night.

If the weather conditions deteriorate sufficiently, limited emergency shelter will be available. If conditions become extreme, the event will be cancelled.

What if the event is cancelled because of circumstances beyond the control of the organisers?

Your Registration Fee will not be refunded but paid in full to the nominated charity.

Lastly.....

Thank you for taking part in our event, we look forward to seeing you on the night!

